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CONSULTATIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION CHIEF
HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY FEB 20 WITH LATEST STATE OF PLAY
ON UPCOMING MEETINGS OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND
POLITICAL DIRECTORS AS WELL AS CONCERNING NEXT MEETING
OF 9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WITH HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT.
END SUMMARY

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1. GERMANS HAVE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS SOUNDED OUT THEIR

EIGHT EC-9 PARTNERS ON POSSIBLE FEB 22 MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) "FOR PURPOSE OF TAKING STOCK" - PRESUMABLY OF U.S./EC DECLARATION EXERCISE AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS MIDEAST, WHICH REMAIN ON PC AGENDA. GERMANS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE POSTPONED FEB 14 POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE NINE FONMINS BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF MARCH 4, PRECEDING THE EC COUNCIL MEETING, AND IN A BRUSSELS LOCATION OTHER THAN EC COUNCIL HDQ. THE GERMANS ALSO QUERIED THEIR PARTNERS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE MEETING OF THE NINE EC POL DIRECTORS WITH HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT, WHICH HAD BEEN ENVISAGED FOR FEB 27. FRG REPS HAD NOTED THAT SO FAR NEITHER A FORMAL INVITATION NOR THE CURRENT EC DRAFT TEXT HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE USG AND THAT FURTHER DELAY IN PROVIDING THE USG WITH THE EC TEXT WOULD RENDER THE FEB 27 DATE QUESTIONABLE. FINALLY, THE GERMANS NOTED THE PLANNED FEB 28 DATE FOR THE REINFORCED NATO COUNCIL MEETING AND RECALLED THAT IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO HANDLE BOTH THE EC AND NATO MEETINGS ON THE SAME TRIP.

2. FONOFF REP SAID FRG STILL HOPED POL DIRECTORS WOULD CONVENE THIS WEEK IN BONN, BUT DATE FOR PC MEETING NOT YET SET. FRG SO FAR LACKS AUTHORITY OF PARTNERS TO PASS US EC DRAFT TEXT BUT SUCH A PC MEETING COULD RPT COULD PROVIDE GREEN LIGHT TO PRESENT US TEXT. WHILE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS MAY CHANGE SITUATION, PRESENT FRG READING IS THAT PC MEETING IN NEXT DAYS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MARCH 1 SCHEEL-JOBERT SESSION, MARCH 4 EC-9 FONMINS MEETING AND PERHAPS MARCH 14 MEETING OF DIRECTORS WITH HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT.

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